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SUBJ: HAITIAN VIEWS ON LIKELY OASGA AGENDA TOPICS

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1. IN RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH SECRETARY GENERAL OF HAITIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY, ALONCE DELIMON, AND MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFAIRS, CARL MEVS, EMBASSY ELICITED GOH VIEWS ON SOME OF THE TOPICS LIKELY TO BE DISCUSSED AT JUNE OAS GA IN WASHINGTON.

2. RESTRUCTURING OF OAS. HAITIANS CONSIDER THIS TO BE MOST IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM. DELIMON SPOKE OF A FEELING OF FRUSTRATION THAT SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED OVER AND OVER AGAIN WITHOUT ANY PROGRESS. MEVS CONFIDED HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT OAS ENERGIES ARE SAPPED BY TOO MANY SUBDIVISIONS. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES OF ABOLISHING OR CONSOLIDATING THESE BODIES.

3. REALIGNMENT OF QUOTAS. HAITIANS ARE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED REDUCTION OF US CONTRIBUTION FROM 66 TO 49 PERCENT. IF THIS WERE TO BE DONE IMMEDIATELY THEY WOULD BE FIRMLY OPPOSED. IF REDUCTION WERE TO BE PHASED IN OVER PERIOD OF SEVERAL YEARS THEY WOULD PROBABLY JOIN CONSENSUS OF OTHER  
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MEMBER STATES. HAITI, HOWEVER, CAN BE EXPECTED TO ADVOCATE LONGEST POSSIBLE TRANSITION AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR POOREST STATES. DELIMON CONSIDERS REASONS FOR DECREASING US CONTRIBUTION TO LESS THAN 50 PERCENT BASICALLY COSMETIC. NOTHING IS GOING TO ALTER ECONOMIC PREPONDERANCE OF THE US IN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM IN THE NEAR FUTURE, HE ARGUED, SO WHY SHOULD THE POORER COUNTRIES HAVE TO

PAY A GREATER SHARE OF THE OAS COSTS.

4. HUMAN RIGHTS. HAITI EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A MISSION FROM THE INTER AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND IS PROUD OF RECORD OF SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE OAS CONTEXT: I.E. ITS VOTE WITH THE MAJORITY AT GRENADA LAST SUMMER AND ITS RATIFICATION OF THE SAN JOSE TREATY ON HUMAN RIGHTS LAST SEPTEMBER. HAITI CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO TAKE AN ACTIVIST ROLE IN HUMAN RIGHTS DEBATES BUT WE EXPECT IT WILL SEEK TO ENHANCE ITS IMAGE BY SIDING WITH THE US WHENEVER NECESSARY.  
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